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SUBJ: JUDICIAL ASSISTANCE: JUSTICE, CUSTOMS OFFICIALS'
INTERVIEWS WITH WITNESSES

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1. WE CAN APPRECIATE THE HESITANCY OF THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT
IN PROVIDING FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS MUCH SUBSTANTIVE INFORMATION
ABOUT THE CASE UNDER INVESTIGATION AND, AS A RESULT, WE WILL
NOT INFORM THE GOC IN ADVANCE OF THE VISIT.

2. HOWEVER, I AM STILL NOT PREPARED TO GIVE FINAL APPROVAL
TO THE VISIT WITHOUT HAVING SOME ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR
MY OWN BACKGROUND AND ON WHICH TO BASE MY JUDGEMENT. FOR
EXAMPLE, 1) WHO ARE RAFAEL BARVO AND ALFONSO LASERNA AND
WHAT IS OR WAS THEIR RELATIONSHIP TO THE BOEING CORPORATION?
2) DOES THE CASE INVOLVE POSSIBLE BY THE BOEING
CORPORATION IN COLOMBIA OR TO COLOMBIAN OFFICIALS? 3) IF
SO, WHEN DID THESE TAKE PLACE? 4) ARE THE COLOMBIAN
WITNESSES TESTIFYING VOLUNTARILY? AND 5) IS THE QUESTIONING
LIKELY TO BE HOSTILE?

3. I WISH TO STRESS MY EARLIER OBSERVATION REGARDING
THE SENSITIVITY OF THE GOC TO INVESTIGATIONS CARRIED
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OUT BY FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS, ESPECIALLY IF THESE IN-
VESTIGATIONS ARE LIKELY TO RESULT IN CRITICISM OF
COLOMBIA. IN THIS REGARD, MR. CORRADINI'S ADVICE
TO THE WITNESSES THAT HE WILL ATTEMPT TO MAINTAIN THE
CONFIDENTIALITY OF THE INTERVIEWS MAY NOT BE SUFFI-
CIENT IF THE WITNESSES THEMSELVES DECIDE TO GO TO THE
PRESS. AS A RESULT OF EARLIER INVESTIGATIONS CARRIED

OUT BY US GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, AND SUBSEQUENTLY MADE
PUBLIC, WE ARE FINDING THAT SOME OF OUR REGULAR
CONTACTS ARE NOT AS FORTHCOMING AS PREVIOUSLY IN THEIR
CONVERSATIONS WITH US.
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